

Pathology

Assessment Tasks

The assessment for Pathology is composed of two assessment tasks which are due by the dates listed below.

Task	Task name	Due date(s)	Weighting
1	Terms and principles	27 Mar, 2009	10%
2	Conditions	varies	90%

You will be given written feedback on completion of each of the written assignments.

If you are unsuccessful the resit policy will be applied.

Resources

Class notes & readings
Bill Robertson Library
Textbooks
Internet

Pathology

Demonstrate knowledge of the terms and principles governing major disease processes

Terms and Principles

Your lecturer will provide you with a description of a medical condition. To complete this assessment task you must make a blog post with the following headings.

- Etiology
- Pathogenesis
- Morphological and/or histological changes
- Epidemiology

Under each of these headings you must describe this aspect of the condition.

To be marked as competent for this assessment, your answer must demonstrate a clear understanding of the meaning of each of the above terms.

You may check your answer against the blog posts of other students as long as you reference their blogs. Copy and paste is not allowed. The writing on your blog must be in your own words.

Pathology

Demonstrate understanding of common diseases description, incidence, etiology, signs and symptoms, and the indications and contraindications to massage practice

Conditions

There are three stages of this assessment task. In each of the stages you will be assigned a pathological condition. You will be required to post a report on this condition to your blog, to provide constructive criticism on your classmates' reports, and to engage in a peer assessment process.

For each of these stages you must complete a draft of your report by the first date your final report by the second date, and peer assessment of your classmates reports by the peer assessment due date.

Stage	Draft due	Final due	Peer assessment due
Condition 1	18 May, 2009	5 Jun, 2009	19 Jun, 2009
Condition 2	27 Jul, 2009	14 Aug, 2009	28 Aug, 2009
Condition 3	14 Sep, 2009	16 Oct, 2009	23 Oct, 2009

Writing the reports

Word limit: 500 – 1000 words

Each report should include the following sections

- Description of the condition including incidence and etiology
- Signs and symptoms
- Indications and contraindications for massage therapy
- Reference list

You are expected to reference a minimum of one massage-related pathology text and two other reputable sources of information.

Draft, review, and final submission process

Once you have posted your draft you will be given feedback by your lecturer.

You are also expected to read the posts of the other students in your class, and give them constructive feedback on their work. Constructive feedback is feedback that could help in the improvement of their report.

You have until the final due date to rewrite (edit) your post and re-post it.

Peer assessment process

In the period between the final submission date and the peer assessment date, you will need to review the work of your classmates according to a simple grading system which will be sent to you. The grading system is outlined below.

Usability (in massage practice)	/10
Clarity of writing	/5
Total	/15

When grading **usability** you should consider how able you would be to find the information that you need from reading this post if a client was to come to see you with this condition.

When grading **clarity of writing**, you should consider how easy it is for you to understand what the post says.

After completing this peer assessment process you must email this information directly to your lecturer. DO NOT use the course email group for this.

Grading

Your final grade will be based on your classmates' averaged assessment of the usability and clarity of your writing and your lecturer's assessment of the accuracy and depth of your content.